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Joint Resolution

Designating the week beginning November 9, 1986, as "National Women Veterans Recognition Week".

Oct. 22, 1986

[S.J. Res. 311]

Whereas there are more than one million one hundred and eighty thousand women veterans in this country, representing 4.2 per centum of the total veteran population;

Whereas the number and proportion of women veterans will continue to grow as the number and proportion of women serving in the Armed Forces continue to increase;

Whereas women veterans through honorable military service often involving hardship and danger have contributed greatly to our national security;

Whereas the contributions and sacrifices of women veterans on behalf of this Nation deserve greater public recognition and appreciation;

Whereas the special needs of women veterans, especially in the area of health care, have often been overlooked or inadequately addressed by the Federal Government;

Whereas this lack of attention to the special needs of women veterans has discouraged or prevented women veterans from taking full advantage of the benefits and services to which they are entitled as veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and

Whereas recognition of women veterans by the Congress and the President through enactment of legislation declaring the week beginning on November 9, 1986, as "National Women Veterans Recognition Week" would serve to create greater public awareness and recognition of the contributions of women veterans, to express the Nation's appreciation for their service, to inspire more responsive care and services for women veterans and to continue and reinforce important gains made in this regard in the last two years as a result of the designation of the first and second National Women Veterans Recognition Weeks in November of 1984 and 1985: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week beginning on November 9, 1986, is designated "National Women Veterans Recognition Week". The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon all citizens, community leaders, interested organizations, and Government officials to observe that week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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